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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1559

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member Gordon~~ *Members Gordon and Cohn*

February 22, 2005

An act to add Chapter 7.2 (commencing with Section 8669) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to statewide communications, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1559, as amended, Gordon. Homeland Security Communications Interoperability Development Act of 2005.

(1) Under existing law, the Director of Homeland Security is the state coordinator of all homeland security activities, including strategy, information analysis related to terrorism, and protection of critical infrastructure from terrorism. The Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee is established for the purpose of improving existing public radio systems and to develop interoperability among public safety departments, and between state public safety departments and local or federal entities.

This bill would enact the Homeland Security Communications Interoperability Development Act of 2005, which would require the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC) and the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee to form a joint committee to prepare a specified report to the Legislature on or before February 1, 2006, with findings and

recommendations for implementing a statewide communications interoperability system.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 7.2 (commencing with Section 8669) is added to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

CHAPTER 7.2. HOMELAND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS
INTEROPERABILITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2005

Article 1. General Provisions

8669. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Homeland Security Communications Interoperability Development Act of 2005.

8669.1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) The ability of several public safety agencies to communicate with one another from neighboring cities, adjacent counties, and across the state has become more essential since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The events of September 11th clearly demonstrated the need for law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel to be able to effectively communicate in times of need so resources can be properly utilized and lives can be saved.

(2) Currently in this state, the ability of public safety agencies to communicate with each other is largely impossible because of all the different communications systems being utilized by the various public safety agencies. This problem has been examined by the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC), the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee, and the Legislature.

(b) The California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC) and the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee shall form a joint committee that shall

1 prepare a report to the Legislature with recommendations for the
2 implementation of a statewide interoperable communications
3 system that shall do the following:

4 (1) Recommend a performance standard that requires
5 communications systems and devices to have open architecture,
6 backward compatibility, and compliance with subdivision (a) of
7 Section 8592.5.

8 *(2) Determine which state, local, or other frontline public*
9 *safety agencies, including, but not limited to, those specified in*
10 *subdivision (b) of Section 9592.1 and subdivision (b) of Section*
11 *8669.2, need new or upgraded communication equipment in*
12 *order to conform to the recommendations proposed in this*
13 *report.*

14 ~~(2)~~

15 (3) Provide an estimated timeline and strategy for statewide
16 implementation of the system.

17 ~~(3)~~

18 (4) Identify the funding that would be required to purchase and
19 maintain a statewide interoperable communications system for
20 frontline public safety agencies.

21 (c) The joint committee shall report its findings and
22 recommendations to the Legislature on or before February 1,
23 2006.

24 8669.2. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the
25 following meanings:

26 (a) "Joint committee" means the members of the California
27 Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC) and
28 the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee, with the
29 Secretary of Homeland Security as the chairperson.

30 (b) "Frontline public safety agencies" include, but are not
31 limited to, the California Highway Patrol, state fire agencies,
32 state and local emergency medical services agencies, local
33 sheriff's departments, municipal police departments, county and
34 city fire departments, police and fire protection districts, and the
35 Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

36 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
37 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
38 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
39 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

1 In order to establish a statewide communications
2 interoperability system, thereby protecting public health and
3 safety, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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